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- A 1 *The education of our people.*
2 *The advertisement of the virtues rather than the vices of our people.*
- B 1 *In view of the fact that discrimination hinders rather than aids the progress of a nation, the urgent need for employment of our people in more varied fields than now exists, is obvious.*
2 *In view of the rapid progress of our people since emancipation, inherent ability and competence as a part of their make-up cannot be justly denied. Consequently encouragement and promotion of Negro initiative and businesses on a larger scale.*
- C *Whereas housing and housing conditions are deplorable and whereas unscrupulous landlords, taking advantage of the congestion which now exists in Harlem, have resorted to the exploitation of our people in the community, a peaceful, intelligent solution is advocated.*
- D *Proper representation of our people in State and National legislatures.*

EDITORIALS

COMMUNISM

This department intimated last month that this institution is a believer in the Capitalistic (real) system of government as opposed to the Communistic (ethical) system. If God wanted us to be angels on this earth He would have made us with a different nature. So Karl Marx's attempt to undo the Almighty's work, *must* be a failure. We do not desire to convey the impression that Communism is not a lofty principle—it is too lofty, too ideal, too far removed from the varied requirements and stations of civilization to be of any service to progress. Man, as the Bible taught us, *cannot* be perfect here. He cannot be, until he enters Heaven. How then, Karl Marx?

As a sensible law-abiding but gullible people, we Negroes should be careful of unscrupulous designers. Here is a picture; study it carefully: Under the management of one household it is proven that a certain person, depending upon his ability, may become co-ordinator and partner. Under the management of a second household, that same person is guaranteed (?) a life time *job* and nothing more. Which, if you were that person, would you prefer? We presume to say you would prefer the latter only if you intended to be a serf.

Capitalism, the first household, offers an opportunity to everyone, but the competition is so great that only the best endure. Who prevents anyone from being among the best? Wake up, Neg-

roes, to your possibilities under the Capitalistic system of government. There are almost fifteen million of you in the United States. Forget color, forget past record, forget Communism. Remember only that you are compatriots of a vast and intelligent domain which honors those who honor themselves. And you

CAPITALISM

Do not forget that you are not perfect. We admire your profit system, the opportunities you give to everyone, your protection of civilization and your fostering of the Arts and Sciences thru competition. But it seems to us that you are stretching the rubber band too far. Remember that there is a line of demarkation between wisdom and foolishness. By stepping over that line wisdom becomes foolishness.

There are in Harlem today over 300,000 Negroes, the majority of which faces economic distress thru unemployment. Unemployment breeds discontent and discontent leads to ruin. (A demonstration on March 19th last was sufficient to convince any intelligent person of the impending danger.) Loosen up, Capitalism; use more Negroes in your system and you'll reap much benefit. If, on the contrary, you harken not to the needs of the Negro, do not blame him if he should attempt to disturb the peace and quiet of your mind or aid others in the destruction of your fair home. Blame yourself.

CONSOLIDATED TENANTS' LEAGUE HOLDS MASS MEETING

At a mass meeting at P. S. 136 on Thursday evening, May 23rd., The Consolidated Tenants' League served notice on unscrupulous landlords that the residents of Harlem are organizing under the League's leadership for a battle to the death.

To a crowded auditorium, speaker after speaker graphically described abuses and violations, pointing out the fact that Harlem does not belong to the landlords but to the people who live in it.

The meeting was called to order by the temporary Chairman, Rev. H. Handy, one of the first speakers, told the audience that: "A man cannot live a Christian life if he hasn't money to feed his family and pay his rent." And Attorney Vernon Williams declared that we must "... fight for what we want;" that we must not be "afraid to hold up" our rents; and finally, that "taxes are paid by the tenants, not by the landlords." "Co-operation" was stressed by Attorney Goldberg; and Doctor William Lloyd Jones called attention to the fact that in order for the organization to function properly, sufficient funds were needed. Assemblyman W. T. Andrews pledged himself to "act for the increase of better houses and decrease in rentals."

But the most impressive feature of the evening was the President of the League, Mr. Donelan J. Phillips' presentation of the recent disasters caused by improper housing conditions, one being the fire on Willis Avenue where a mother and four children were burned to death. Mr. Phillips also read a resolution, a copy of which may be obtained upon request at the office of the League, 336 Lenox Avenue.

A few days ago the League received a letter from President Roosevelt in which the latter promised consideration of the League's demands for better housing conditions in Harlem. Langdon W. Post, Tenement House Commissioner, also pledges his support.

WEST INDIANS AMONG THOUSANDS WHO PAY TRIBUTE TO KING

At 3:30 p.m.—half an hour before a service that was held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Amsterdam Avenue at 113th Street, on Sunday, May 12th, in honor of the silver jubilee of His Majesty, King George V. and Queen Mary of England—hardly a seat was to be had.

Bishop William T. Manning, who officiated, eulogized the King and Queen. He pointed out how by their own "example which they have given in their own personal lives and conduct", the rulers of Great Britain had endeared themselves to each and every one of their subjects.

Among the many British and Associated Societies under whose auspices the service was held, West Indians of Harlem played no unimportant role. Representative among the Societies were A. M. Wendell Malliet, Justice James S. Watson, Bishop G. S. Brooks, Rev. E. Elliot Durant, Drs. Charles A. Peterson and P. M. H. Savory. There were also other prominent personages of the Is who were invited, including Mrs. G. A. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Francis, Captain and Mrs. J. Cockburn, Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Hanson and Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Phillips.

Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador to the United States, represented the Crown.



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A Play or ...?

By HARRY STEWART

"Keep Lynching on a Higher Level"

—Southern Senators.

Date: April 24th, 1935.

Scene: The Senate floor of the Federal Government, Washington, D. C.

The Costigan-Wagner Anti-Lynching bill is on the floor for consideration on the motion of Senator Costigan. A block of Southern Senators immediately prepare to carry on a filibuster but decide to keep their argument against the bill "on a higher level" with Senator Bailey of North Carolina as one of their chief spokesmen.

Phantom Voice:

"Gentlemen of this body, the United States Senate, you are assembled here to promote laws for the welfare and protection of all the citizens of this country, black or white. No one needs repeat the terrible atrocities that have been perpetrated against men, mostly black men, many innocent of crimes charged, that fall under the heading of lynching. But remember the Southern Senators wish to keep this discussion 'on a higher level'."

Tales are told of men, in the name of lynching, who are murdered in the most cruel ways; men, tortured and dragged alive through streets; men, made to eat their own flesh which was cut off from parts of their bodies; a woman carrying an unborn child, kicked, beaten and shot. Yet the magnificent Southern Senators would keep the discussion of the Costigan-Wagner bill "on a higher level." . . .

When you Senators of the South can take murder out of killing, then you can put lynching "on a higher level." It can be done. And to you, Senator Bailey, you oppose Federal legislation which would right this evil on the grounds that it interferes with States' rights. You stated "This bill gives supervision of sovereign States to the Federal Government. When did North Carolina, or New York, or Colorado fall so low that this must be done?" Your sincerity is questionable. I do not care to name specific States but many Southern ones

have fallen low enough to take human life by the torture method. And further, Senator Bailey, does not the Constitution of the United States state in Article xiv, Section I, that: "... nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of law?" And in the name of what is right, isn't it reasonable to expect your Federal government to enact such legislation necessary to enforce this or any other section of the Constitution? And Senator Bailey, would you object to the United States Government aid to banks in your State to prevent the citizens of North Carolina from losing their savings through bank closures? Would you stop Federal aid to the starving and needy in any State on grounds that it interferes with States' rights? No, Senator Bailey, you nor no one else in your State can tell me that you are speaking for the intelligent and decent citizens of North Carolina when you oppose a curb on lynching because it is done by the Federal government. I am sure civilization in every State in this great country of ours has reached a higher level than to condone this horrible butchery of men and women. And when State forces prove inadequate or unwilling to stop the perpetration of these mob violences, then we should thank God that we have a Federal Government to call upon.

Senator Bailey, somewhere inside of you, there must be a voice, a conscience put there by God, telling you that you are wrong in fighting a bill, the sole intent of which is to save human life. Can you be so callous as not to care about human life? If you don't, you are not one to legislate for the welfare of man, black or white.

Note and advice to every Negro:

The Costigan-Wagner Anti-Lynching bill was sent to the calendar for consideration at a future date. Write to your Senators *now* to support it.

A Picture of Harlem

By OSCAR NURSE

Harlem, the most discussed and least understood Negro community in the world, figured prominently in the annual report of a New York correspondent of Pravda—official organ of the Russian Communist Party in Moscow. The colored "Metropolis" was described as that section of New York "inhabited by a backward, ignorant mass of 250,000 Negroes who live in hunger, poverty and disease." Continuing in an unmistakably complacent tone, our Red reviewer informs us that "thousands" of these Negroes now say "Father Divine is our God but James Ford (colored communist) is our political leader." This report, obviously intended for foreign consumption, also indicated that owing to "the growth of a militant spirit" within the folds of labor, Harlem had become fertile soil for sowing the seeds of Communism. The conservative element of the Metropolitan press, including the leading Negro weeklies, vigorously denounced this malicious and unjustified attempt to treat Harlemites as though they were a group of helpless infants irrevocably susceptible to religious and political fanaticism. Unfortunately, however, like thunder after lightning, the apparently inevitable yet deplorable Harlem uprising of March 19, closely followed Pravda's publication of the foregoing distorted picture of colored Manhattan, thus creating the much desired material without which, radical philosophy would lose its glamour. The fact that Mayor LaGuardia's Investigating Committee revealed that Communist agitation had nothing to do with the so-called riot, will not affect the self-centered designs of politically ambitious factions which seem steadfastly determined to use the much maligned Negro as a means to an end.

Communism and its kindred "isms"—by-products of our modern civilization—with counterparts in varying degrees the world over, envision a unique cure for our economic ills in the form of an ideal system which is supposed to eliminate human greed, automatically adjust the inextricably interwoven rights and wrongs which have characterized mankind for countless ages and create a new social sphere where man would live in perfect harmony. How utterly incredible. This sort of idealism which may momentarily appeal to the emotions of disgruntled minorities, is likely to find but meagre support in the American scheme of things.

Fortunately, the great majority of the American proletariat, including the Negro, are not dreamers; they are practical, liberty-loving and law-abiding people who are firmly resolved to adhere to the time-honored American system of orderly democratic government.

With reference to the alleged deification of Father Divine by thousands of Harlem Negroes, it is quite possible that the majority of these religious addicts have discovered some means of making the good phases of the so-called cult compensate for the reputedly distasteful movement that provides interesting copy for the newspapers. But does this mean that one hundred years hence Father Divine shall still be known to posterity as a Moses who led his flock out of economic bondage? If so, why begrudge him so herculean a task? Moreover, the followers of Father Divine are humble folk who merely imbibe in the doctrine of "Peace—it's truly wonder-

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A PICTURE OF HARLEM

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ful." They do not occupy the seats of the mighty as did the titled aristocrats of yesteryear who worshipped the ingenious Gregory Elimovitch (Rasputin) the Siberian-born monk whose amazing religious philosophy completely enslaved the entire Imperial Russian household and extended to the realm of politics where Rasputin's will was the law that governed 150,000,000 Russians. "In me", Rasputin often told his followers, "is incarnate a particle of the Supreme Being . . . and only through me can you hope to be saved."

The writer having a profound respect for the old ethical axiom, "De mortuis, nil nisi bonum",—Of the dead, let us speak kindly—makes the above reference to the late Rasputin solely from a historical point of view, which substantiates the fact that sensational religious sects are not necessarily confined to racial or geographical limitations.

Finally, it might be well to remind Pravda's correspondent who looks at us through flaming red glasses that the Negro, though racially different, is decidedly American and as such, is thoroughly, capable of solving his own problems.

COUPLE O' LAUGHS

Cumso:—Does Amos and Andy live in Harlem?

Shunt:—No. Den's th' fus colored folks I ever see live in a swell white section.

Teacher:—Robert, don't you know that the Lord won't like you if you don't study your lessons?

Pupil:—I should worry! De Lawd ain't playin in "Green Pastures" no more—he's dead.

Small Boy (to strange kid): For a penny I'll knock you cold.

Strange Kid: For nuttin' I'll run.

JOHN DOE

Says

Boyhood and manhood are extremities. Linger not ever at one or the other end. You either miss the cream of life or grow too old to enjoy it.

We all are beggars in the bread-line of life. If you are not served readily, remain in your position. Leaving the line, you may not be served at all.

First trust yourself and others will trust you.

AND

according to Ralph Waldo Emerson

"People grieve and bemoan themselves, but it is not half so bad with them as they say. There are moods in which we court suffering, in the hope that here, at least we shall find reality, sharp peaks and edges of truth. But it turns out to be scene-painting and counterfeit . . . Life is a train of moods like a string of beads, and as we pass through them, they prove to be many-colored lenses which paint the world their own hue, and each shows only what lies in its focus. From the mountain you see the mountain. We animate what we can, and we see only what we animate. Nature and books belong to the eyes that see them. It depends on the mood of the man, whether he shall see the sunset or the fine poem."

FOR THE VISITOR TO NEW YORK
Places Of Interest

Woolworth Building: Once the tallest building in the world, it is now dwarfed by the Empire State. At a cost of approximately \$13,000,000, it is 60 stories and 792 feet high. A trip to the tower is a real novelty. Take subway to Park Place station.

Holland Tunnel: This tunnel is the longest underground passageway in the world. It connects New York City to Jersey City, N. J. Subway to Canal Street—West side.

Metropolitan Museum of Art: Its main entrance is on 5th Avenue between 81st and 82nd Streets.

TO POETRY

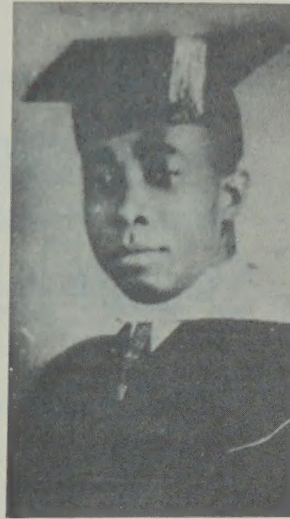
By H. S. McFARLAND

If thou wert not, how could I bear the
 night
 Whose purpose is to weave the ills of
 day,
 Of years of loss into a ghastly sight,
 To taunt my soul, to take my breath
 away?
 How could I hope to win when faith
 was slight
 And all my clouds were low and black
 and gray?
 How could I hope to conquer in the
 fight
 When the sword I felt I could not stay?
 But thou a comfort to those who seek
 thee,
 Comfort to me tonight—what is thy art?
 Reveal the wisdom of thy love to me
 In divers ways that I may do my part!
 Reveal the secret of thy charm tonight
 And why, in lacking thee, men lose their
 fight!

A PLEA FOR SOMETHING BETTER

By H. S. McFARLAND

We hate the limitations
 They put upon the stations
 O' us colored folks.
 Come on you 'Nited States,
 Yo' knows we stands 'n' waits
 Fo' sompn better 'n th' crumbs
 That falls fom off yo' table.
 We got qualifications
 Fom all yo' lowes' stations—
 Now give us sompn better.
 We have no standa'd status
 Fo' yo' already got us
 Told. But listen heah Old Sam:
 Unless yo' cultivate us
 Yo' is always goin' t' rate us
 A pure nonentity.
 Yo' knows too well relations
 Widout qualifications
 In sompn better doesn't work.
 Why then do you keep lingerin'
 And always evah wonderin'
 What should yo' do wid us?
 Step 'way fom all the Nations
 That keep th' black man's stations
 Below th' par.
 Fo' how can we be better
 When yo' keeps us in a fetter
 And tells us we is free?



EDGAR E. CARROLL, D.D.S.

As an honored guest, Doctor Edgar E. Carroll was recently invited to attend the Odonto Chirurgical Dental Society of Philadelphia at its annual meeting. He gave a clinic on Partial denture construction and read an article on the subject at a banquet given for the guests. Doctor Carroll is a graduate of Howard University of the class of '31 and now maintains an office at 164 West 146th Street.

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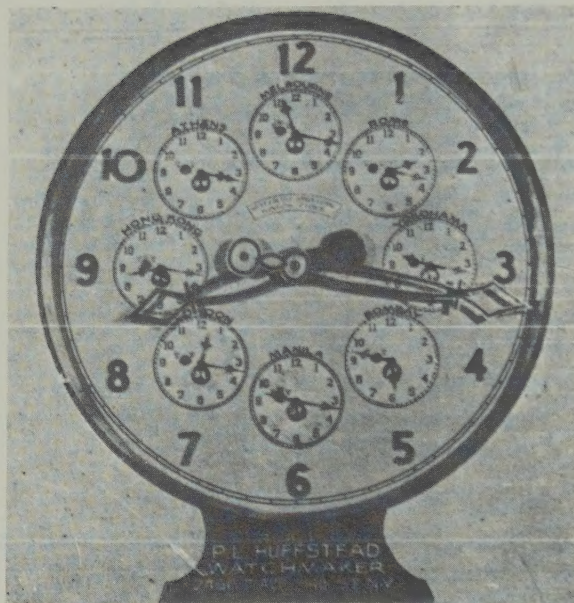
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